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## ON THE MOVE JUDGES

### Written by JOHN AFRICA

*Move's Founder*

NOW YOU JUDGES MAY THINK THAT YOU'RE GOING TO GET AWAY WITH THESE INJUSTICES, BUT WE CAN TELL YOU THAT WE KNOW YOU DONT WORK BY LAW, LAW HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOUR DECISIONS, YOU'RE CONTROLLED BY PRESSURE. WE'RE GOING TO KEEP THE PRESSURE ON YOU, ON THE STREET, IN THE COURTS AND IN THE PRISONS. EVERY LAW THAT IS ON THE BOOKS WAS PUT THERE BY PRESSURE, AND EVERY LAW THAT IS TAKEN OFF YOUR BOOKS IS REMOVED BY PRESSURE. THIS IS NOT LAW IT IS CONTEMPT, IT IS DECEPTION, IT IS THE MAKING OF OUTLAW. LAW IS NOT SOMETHING THAT YOU REVERSE AT WILL, THAT CAN BE CHANGED BY THE DECISION OF A JUDGE, A COP OR A PRISON ADMINISTRATOR. THE TRUE LAW OF JUSTICE IS FIXED AND CANNOT BE MANIPULATED BACK AND FORTH AS YOU PEOPLE SEE FIT. ANYBODY THAT FINDS THAT THE LAW IS NOT WORKING FOR THEM BECAUSE OF SOME SITUATION THEY'VE CAUSED, AND BEGINS TWISTING THE LAW TO FIT THAT SITUATION, THAT VIOLATION, IS FURTHER TWISTING THE VIOLATION. WHEN YOU JUDGES ARE SITTING IN THE SUN AND YOU GET TOO UNCOMFORTABLE, YOU DONT TURN OFF THE SUN, THE LAW, TO FIT A SITUATION YOU'VE CAUSED, YOU GET THE HELL OUT OF THE SUN BECAUSE YOU KNOW GODDAMN WELL YOU CANT CHANGE ITS DIRECTION. AND UNLIKE THAT THING YOU CALL LAW, YOU DONT TRY TO CHANGE IT. YOU PUT YOURSELF IN THAT SITUATION, AND IF YOU FIND THAT ITS UNCOMFORTABLE, YOU'VE GOT TO CHANGE. THIS IS WHAT MAKES YOU JUDGES SO GODDAMN CRIMINAL, YOU'LL VIOLATE YOUR OWN SO CALLED LAWS, GET CAUGHT, CHANGE YOUR LAWS TO FIT YOUR CRIME RATHER THAN CORRECTING THE SITUATION THAT CAUSED YOU TO BE CRIMINAL, WHILE PUTTING LESS CELEBRATED PEOPLE IN JAIL FOR CORRECTION, REHABILITATION FOR THE SAME DAMN VIOLATION YOU WERE UNWILLING TO GO TO JAIL FOR, WHILE RUNNING BEHIND YOUR GODDAMN CONTEMPT CITATION AT THE MERE SUGGESTION OF PROTEST. SINCE YOU JUDGES THINK THAT YOU CAN CHANGE THE DIRECTION OF LAW BY SOME MANIPULATIVE DAMN DECISION, CHANGE THE DIRECTION OF THE SUN, DECIDE THAT LAW OF THE RAIN AINT GONNA FLOOD OUT THOSE SO CALLED FLOOD LAWS YOU JUDGES WERE PRESSURED INTO IMPLEMENTING BECAUSE OF A FLOOD THE DAY BEFORE. CHANGE THE DIRECTION OF A STORM THAT TEARS UP YOUR CITIES THAT YOU CLAIM HAD BEEN CONSTRUCTED BY LAW ONE DAY, ONLY TO FIND YOURSELVES RECONSTRUCTING, DRAWING UP BILLS, IMPLEMENTING

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## MOVE UPDATE

### Ramona Africa

*Minister of Communications for the MOVE Organization*

On The Move! **So much** has happened since the last update that I don't know where to start, so let me start with some general information. Donations for Western Union phone cards, Kinko photo-copy cards, and postage stamps (32¢ and 23¢) are **always** needed very much. People (especially those that belong to organizations or have contacts with bookstores) should know that we sell bundles of 50 *First Day* newspapers for $25 plus postage ($3.244); individual subscriptions are $8 a year. Also, local people that have cars (especially stations wagons and vans) and are available for periods of time during the week, or to drive to speaking engagements in nearby areas (such as New York, New Jersey, Washington D.C., Maryland, etc.) should contact me and let me know. The August 8th Justice for MOVE Committee meets regularly on the **first** and **third** of the month at 6 p.m. We need serious people that are willing to work, on **whatever** level **you** choose, to call (215) 387-9955 if you're interested in working to get this system off **your** back.

As I said, we've been **real** busy as always; here's some of the things we've been doing. On February 22nd I spoke before a class at Camden County Community College in Blackwood, N.J. Professors as well as some parents sat in on the class — it went very well. The "All People's Congress" invited me to Baltimore, MD on Feb. 23rd to speak to folks about our brother Mumia Abu-Jamal. The people there were/are very anxious to save Mumia's life. Here in Phila., my brother Carlos and I did a public access T.V. program on Feb. 28th. The program is hosted by Leona Smith of the Union for the Homeless and The Employment Project. It's a call-in show and the calls were flooding in. Not too long after on march 8th my sister Sue Africa and I addressed college students at the Phila. Center. This is a program where college students from the midwest do a semester of study here in Phila. These students were very interested in hearing more about MOVE's belief, and got literature to take home with them. Then on the 15th of March I was invited to address an informal discussion group at the Church of the Advocate in North Phila. Our thanks goes out to rev. Ike Miller for the chance to address this group.

My sister Counsuewella Africa and I left for Chicago on March 21st. Immediately upon our arrival, we did a radio program on W.H.B.K. (the University of Chicago's radio station) and was very warmly received. On March 22nd we spoke to a large group of young people at the Olive-Harvey Middle College and

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## AUG. 8, 1978

### by Chuck Africa

*Move Political Prisoner for 17 years*

On The Move

I'm writing this article about August 8, 1978, what caused it and some of the things that took place before, during and after the trial. August 8, 1978 as most people know by now was the day five hundred cops invaded North 33rd Street and shot, tear gassed and arrested Move men, women and children. They came out early in the wee hours of the morning . . . We were in our basement as police of every type and firefighters surrounded our home with bulldozers and a wide variety of weapons. They were allegedly there to "serve warrants" on Move people. These warrants stemmed from an "agreement" that the city negotiated with Move stipulating that we leave Move Headquarters effective 90 days after our family members were released from prison following a year long siege where we were surrounded by a police army 24 hrs. a day and not allowed to leave our house. This went on from May 20, 1977 till May 1978 (for over 3 months — Feb.-May 1978 Rizzo put up a starvation blockade around our home. All food and water was cut off. Shortly after — when the city saw our unbending stand even in the face of starvation — we were arraigned and allowed to see our released brothers and sisters from prison.)

Although there was an agreement, the city government and its agents — police — violated it. They violated by harassing Move people on the street and by continuing to spy on our home around the clock. We had no respect for this alleged agreement after than and it would have been insane for us to leave our home after this.

A civil injunction was lodged against Move and a criminal judge (Dibona) ordered us arrested; thus the 500 cops August 8, 1978.

Police pumped thousands of gallons of water in our basement, thousands of rounds of automatic and shotgun fire at our women, children, men and animals. Most of our dogs were drowned. Tear gas filled the basement. Delbert was shot in the chest with shotgun pellets. I was shot twice in the arm by police with a automatic weapon. When the smoke cleared we were charged with the murder of a policeman — James Ramp — and the attempted murder of several cops and firemen. Delbert Africa's beating was seen nationally and internationally as live cameras captured him being beat stomped kicked and hit with helmets and rifle butts. I was thrown face first in the back of a police wagon and tortured during the ride to the roundhouse at 8th and Race. A stake out cop and detective stayed in the back of the wagon and beat my heart with a leather slap-jack (with steel inside) and I was beat in the testicles. Move women were taken in a cop

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## First Amendment RITES

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*Column written 6/10/95*

**"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press;..."**

*1st Amendment; U.S. Constitution (1791)*

**"The printing press shall be free to every person who may undertake to examine the proceedings of the legislature or any branch of government, and no law shall ever be made to restrain the right thereof. The free communication of thoughts and opinions is one of the invaluable rights of man, and every citizen may freely speak, write and print on any subject... No conviction shall be had in any prosecution for the publication of papers relating to the official conduct of officers or men in public capacity..."**

*1st Article; PA. Constitution (1790)*

On June 9th, 1995, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, through its Dept. of 'Corrections', found me guilty of the offense of 'Journalism'. At a crowded 'misconduct' hearing held early in the day, a DOC Civil Service employee came to the following conclusions:

> "In his written version, Jamal does not deny the charges but cites a violation of First Amendment rights, the examiner finds Jamal is not being charged with a freedom of speech issue or for the content of his writings but rather he is charged for engaging in the profession of journalism which is a violation of the rules and regulations in the handbook. He has authored a book known as **Live from Death Row,** he currently writes columns for different newspapers including *Scoop USA, First Day* and the *Jamal Journal.* In addition Jamal has made taped commentaries for radio broadcast over **National Public Radio.** These undisputed facts combine to establish a clear preponderance of evidence that Jamal has been engaged in both the business and profession of journalism."

The "examiner" found me "guilty" and sentenced a man with less than 75 days to live, to 30 days "DCS" or disciplinary custody status, to start immediately.

(I've been called many things, but 'convicted journalist'? That's a new one.)

Only in Pennsylvania, the birthplace of the First Amendment, the Constitution itself, could writing, or talking, become a "misconduct".

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# BLACK AUGUST

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*``George Jackson was my hero. He set a standard for prisoners, political prisoners, for people. He showed the love, the strength, the revolutionary fervor that's characteristic of any soldier for the people. He inspired prisoners, whom I later encountered, to put his ideas into practice and so his spirit became a living thing."*

—*Dr. Huey P. Newton, Ph.D.*
Former Minister of Defense
Black Panther Party
(Revolutionary Memorial Service for George Jackson, 1971)

August, in both historic and contemporary African-American history is a month of meaning.

*It is a month of repression . . .*

— *August 1619:* the first group of Black Laborers, called ``indentured servants," landed at Jamestown, Virginia.

— August 25, 1967: Classified FBI memos went out to all bureaus nationwide with plans to ``disrupt, misdirect, discredit or otherwise neutralize" Black liberation movement groups.

— August 1968: The Newark, NJ Black Panther Party office was firebombed.

— August 25, 1968: Los Angeles Black Panther Party members Steve Bartholomew, Robert Lawrence and tommy Lewis were murdered by the LAPD at a gas station.

— August 15, 1969: Sylvester Bell, San Diego Black Panther Party member, murdered by the u.s. organization.

— August 21, 1971: Black Panther Party Field Marshal George L. Jackson assassinated at San Quentin Prison, California. Three guards and 2 inmate turncoats killed, 3 wounded.

It is also a month of radical resistance.

— August 22, 1831: Nat Turner's rebellion rocked Southhampton County, Virginia, and the entire South, when slaves rose up and slew their white masters.

— August 30, 1856: John Brown led an anti-slavery raid on a group of Missourians at Osawatomie, Kansas.

— August 7, 1970: Jonathan Jackson, younger brother of Field Marshal George, raided the Marin County courthouse in California, arming and freeing 3 black prisoners, taking the judge, prosecutor and several jurors hostage. All, except one prisoner, were killed by police fire that perforated the escape vehicle. Jon was 17.

And in an instance of resistance *and* repression. . .

— August 8th, 1978 after a 15 month armed police standoff with the Philadelphia-based naturalist MOVE organization, the police raided MOVE, killing one of their own in police crossfire, and charging 9 MOVE people with murder. The MOVE 9, in prisons across Pennsylvania, are serving up to 100 years each.

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# RACISM MADE LEGAL

## By Phil Africa

***MOVE political prisoner Phil Africa is behind bars at SCI-Rockview.)***

**LONG LIVE JOHN AFRICA THE COORDINATOR!**

Ona Move yall!

I know I ain't the only one whose picked up on the latest surge of racist hatred bein spat from the mouths of the murderers in blue! Those legal hitmen who hide behind the protection of their judicial masters who encourage and generate the killin sickness in police to murder and oppress those who resist, and those who are money poor. In this system where terms like "terroristic threats" is used to oppress and jail poor folks when they voice opposition to the corruptness of this rotten system, those in control of this system terrorize the masses at will with complete immunity from prosecution!

Not long ago in 1977 yall picked up your newspaper, turned on your radios and TVs to hear that the then-mayor of Philadelphia, Frank "The Butcher" Rizzo was stating to the MOVE members this system were holdin hostage in our own home to "get out or die!" Yeah, yall's eyes and ears **ain't** deceiving ya, its **exactly** what the man said - get out or die!

That **murderous terroristic threat** made openly and without worry of criminal charges, *boldly on the front page of this system's newspapers, voiced* openly on its airwaves! And not a **word** of outrage or even reproach expressed against such murderous threats being made by **one** of these legal racists called politicians, local **or** federal! Not **one** D.A., judge, cop, congressman, etc. made even a **token** attempt to charge "back shootin" Frank for makin threats to murder MOVE folks, MOVE children.

And I know none of you can forget nigga Willie's threat of "I'd do it again" after allowin the murder of 11 MOVE men, women and children on May 13, 1985! **Now** you got these same baby murderin cops shoutin bout how they want Mumia dead, how they aim to see him die one way or another. Threats, hate just drippin off their lips, minds focused on nothin but death just like the klan mobs of old and not **one word** printed in these rich White owned news media bout how these so-called peace officers are so blood thirsty, so full of lust for murder. Yup, not a **word** spoken bout how all is on these cops minds is death.

Now I can say without hesitation, **state** that if **MOVE** were to start sayin we want to see all them cops, judges, politicians dead that murdered our children, sisters, brothers you'd hear a cry of rage from every last **one** of them officials that would make your ears ring! If the family of William Green, or any of the other families who've had family murdered by the cops got to shoutin, demonstratin and demandin death to the cops who murdered their family members, the judges, D.A.'s, cops and politicians would be up in arms! If all the families of people who've had their loved ones executed on the streets by these gun toten kill hungry murderin ass cops were to start screamin for them cops to taste death, **all** them laid back say nothin bout the poor bein killed would be screamin their heads off talkin all kinds of crap bout how statements like that are threats, terroristic and illegal cause its directed at **them!**

These legal people are bein forced to come out in the open bout just how racist hateful and murder-minded this system is against the poor! And people yall better believe that when they can't get you with a bullet, they get you by framin ya up and givin you a long prison sentence which is the same as death!

Cops talkin bout they don't care "how" but they gone see Mumia dead, now what is that but the attitude of unlawful murderers! It shows they ain't even got no respect for the very laws they be shootin, beatin, jailin poor folks for not obeyin! They come right out and say they gone see somebody dead no matter what! Now don't that let you see how hateful and devious this system is, how murderous their intentions are towards the poor, don't it show you how they will lie on folks, frame people, create a situation to murder you if they hate you enuff! And **all** them politicians and government officials **know** its how the cops are cause the cops work for **them**, the cops are **their** overseers of the poor, the oppressed in this legalized slave plantation called "the system"!

Well yall we **can't** let these killers murder Mumia, and we **can't** let em keep innocent MOVE folks and other innocent people in prison! We **can't** let this system do it and we **won't!**

**United** people must voice our opposition to these cops blood lust to murder people, let this system's officials know we won't stand for them allowin death *threats to be made against the citizens they claim to represent. This double* standard must be brought to an end! The right of self-defense is a **God** given right instilled in all living beings and this system betta understand that nobody is gonna let this system, its cops, judges, politicians continue to murder folks, threatenin folks, jail folks like they got the **right** to do it cause they hide behind the deception of that term called "legal".

So yall let them media people know, let them judges and politicians know yall seein how MOVE is exposin em for the corrupt murderin criminals that they are, and yall see how the solution is revolution, and that **JOHN AFRICA'S REVOLUTION IS THE ONLY WAY!!** Demand that the media speak to **why they** aint spoke on them cops blood lust to murder, and **why** them legal people who control the cops ain't spoke on it either. Come on out and support the "Political Prisoners Program" MOVE's puttin together and find out how you can help in the work to make things right that this system has caused to be wrong. Unity is the key to eliminatin this system, so let's all pull together and do what shoulda **been** done years ago - get **rid** of this system of violent racist corruption, put an **end** to its threats of violence and death against the oppressed!

**LONG LIVE JOHN AFRICA'S REVOLUTION AND DOWN WITH THIS ROTTEN ASS SYSTEM!!** Free all innocent MOVE folks and political prisoners! **Keep this murderin system's hands off Mumia Abu-Jamal!!**

On the Move in Revolution!
Phil Africa

**LONG LIVE JOHN AFRICA FOREVER!**

# WHY THIS REFORM WORLD SYSTEM ATTACKS MOVE

## by Janet Africa

***One of the* MOVE *9 imprisoned since Aug. 8, 1978***

When the Move Organization stand before people of this system explaining to them how the system **they** believe in is unjust, that the system, the government broke **their own laws,** went against their procedures in beating, locking up and murdering Move people, the inaction and attitude of some people is **not** to respond to the charges directed at this system, this government, these officials by the Move Organization but instead their **immediate response** is to jump up and down and scream at Move about what we believe in, they **attack** us for believing in the teaching of **John Africa rica,** they **attack** us for eating raw food, **attack** Move for not sending our children to **their** schools, **attack** Move for not having **faith** in their corrupt politicians, these people, and completely and deliberately evade, duck away from the issue; the issue being that this system **unjustly** beat, jailed and murdered Move people. After hearing Move state the issue to them they take a **posture** of ducking away from the issue but when a Catholic gets unjustly beaten and jailed they daunt duck away from the issue and start screaming at the Catholics and blaming the pope, when a Christian is *unjustly* beaten and mistreated by this system's law, people dont blame Jesus Christ, but when Move is mistreated, done wrongly they question Move about **our** belief and blame **John Africa** rather then question their so-called respected law enforcement officials about the blatant wrong they are doing to Move. We can explain, qualify our belief to them as long as they listen but it dont take away the **issue** of Move being the victim of this system's legal authority. People **divert away** from the issue because they dont want to have to accept how the system they are so proud of, the system they invested so heavily in, the system they **say** have justice for **all** is being exposed by **John Africa** for having **no** justice **at all.** They dont want to believe that their system dont have no justice, but they hear what Move is saying. **John Africa** qualified that this system dont have no justice, that this system aint right, that's why they have avoided and **keep** avoiding the issue of Move people being murdered, beat and jailed in full view of the world and not **one** of these officials involved have been made to answer for it. Not one of these crystalized murderers, conspirators spent one day in jail for what they admittedly did to Move yet 9 innocent Move members have been sitting in jail for over 16 years for a crime we didn't commit. Aint **nobody** see Move murder that cop Ramp and the courts never produced any evidence that proved we did but we were sentenced to 100 years each. The trial judge Malmed admitted that he didnt know who shot Ramp, but that he was finding all 9 of us guilty because we acted as a family — Malmed didnt lock us up because we were guilty, he sentenced us the way he did out of hatred, revenge, to **hurt us, punish** us for exposing him and his corrupt legal system.

Phila. officials bombed and murdered our family for protesting our unjust imprisonment, for exposing **them** for killing their **own** cop then framing and railroading Move for it. These officials murdered my daughter, my sisters, my brothers and they are walking the streets, Move aint murder **nobody** and we are sitting in jail. **That aint justice!** If this legal authority is saying these officials deserve being on the street after murdering 11 Move people, then Move is justified and certainly deserve to be on the street cause we aint murder **nobody.** If Move aint justified to have freedom when we are innocent then why are these murdering officials walking the streets when they are guilty.

This system got a **word** called justice but they dont have no application of **true** law to back up this work. This system law is a coercive manipulating game, a trick that legislators schemed up, to invent a bunch of rules and regulations to take advantage of people, a way to restrain, dominate and control peoples lives. They got laws that apply one way for whites, and another way for blacks, laws that work one way for the rich and another way for the poor. They got litigation to **excuse** officials when they are **caught** being criminal and adjudication to **execute** unofficial people whether they are guilty of a crime or not — this is why Move dont respect their laws — we dont go into their courts looking for justice cause we know justice dont exist in these courts. Move goes into court using the strategy of **John Africa,** exposing the lies of this system, these cops, judges **and** DA's — the strategy Move uses is our **innocence,** we go to court innocent, tell the **truth** in court and force the judge to say we are **guilty** when the judges knows that we are innocent, *forcing the lies of* this system in the open. For Move's strategy is to crystalize the crime of the courts through the criminal behavior **of** the judges, causing them to dig their **own** legal burial, [this is **John Africa's** strategy]. This is the difference between this system and **John Africa. John Africa** teach that law means balance, equality, righteousness. The law that Move believe in is the law of life, life's law makes **no** concessions, **no** divisions, no separations or categories. The **sun** shines on whites the same way it shines on blacks, the **air** the same way it shines on blacks, the **air** fills the lungs of the rich the same way it fills the lungs of the poor, **water** quenches the thirst of the president the same way it quenches the thirst of the homeless, **equally** with no notion of prejudice. That is true law that can be trusted to be just, fair, equal to **all** subjects. **Long Live John Africa's Wisdom!**

To this date, with all of the things this system have done to Move we are **still** fightin, **still** confronting this system on all levels. Protesting **loudly,** demonstrating forcefully against all the problems and sickness that this system have caused people. **John Africa's** strategy has shook this system to the very core, uprooting all their filth, forcing this system to show their ugly hand. **John Africa** brote to focus all the hatred, racism, prejudice deep in the ranks of these officials — Move started out to demonstrate to the world that this government, this system is corrupt **N WE DID!**

Move have been **very** effective, tightly organized, deeply committed, we've informed women, opened the eyes of men, had a profound effect on every

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## REFORM WORLD SYSTEM

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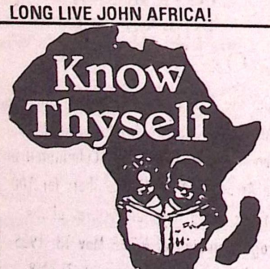
child that have been exposed to the teaching of **John Africa,** and for demonstrating the consistency of our belief, these officials assaulted, N murdered **us** then tryed to convince people that **we** are violent when we defend ourself. Move is not violent, **John Africa** dont teach violence. **John Africa** teach peace. Peace, freedom is what Move is working for. **John Africa** explain; that this system make people sick and cause all kinds of pain and suffering. When Move come at this system we come at the wrong in this system that makes people sick, when a person gets a headache, they come at the headache with aspirin, when people get a toothache they come at the teeth with teethpullers so that they can be at ease, free of pain, but when Move people come at this system to stop people from hurting Life, like the system come at people with aspirin and teethpullers they wanna call us violent, want to say we are disruptive, aint peaceful, when in truth we are coming at things threatening peace so that people can **have** peace, experience freedom.

**LONG LIVE JOHN AFRICA'S WISDOM!**

Janet Africa
Disciple of **John Africa**
In the words of **John Africa:**

WE, THE **MOVE ORGANIZATION,** WILL **NOT** BE JUDGED BY OUR APPEARANCE, HOW LOUD WE TALK, OR HOW SOFT, AS TRUTH MAKES NO CONSIDERATION FOR VOLUME, NO ALLOWANCE FOR THE CATEGORIZED TONAL EXPRESSION OF ACADEMIA, FOR IN SPEAKING OF *TRUTH YOU ARE NOT SPEAKING OF SHAPE, OF FASHION, OF POPULARITY, THE COLOR OF EYES, CUT OF A DRESS,* TAILORING OF A PAIR OF TROUSERS, YOU ARE SPEAKING OF THE MEANING OF CONSISTENCY, WHICH MAKES NO COMPROMISE TO, ALLOWANCES FOR THE INCONSISTENT DESCRIPTIVE IMPOTENCY OF DIVISION, AS TRUTH IS, WHETHER SHOUTED FROM A HILLTOP, ROARED FROM THE TOP OF A TREE, THUNDERED FROM THE DEEP THROATED POWER OF A LION, OR WHISPERED BY A BREEZE, **JUST THAT,** AND SO IT IS WITH MOVE, WE DO HAVE THE TRUTH, AND WE DONT CARE WHETHER WE SING IT, SHOUT IT, HOOT IT, OR WHATEVER, WE INTEND TO PUT IT OUT THERE, AND WE DONT INTEND TO BE PREJUDICED AGAINST, WE DO NOT EXPECT TO BE JUDGED BY ANY SUPERFICIAL CATEGORIZING, BUT BY THE INFORMATION WE PUT OUT.

**LONG LIVE JOHN AFRICA!**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## A Jaundiced 'Eye On America'

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The urbane Dan Rather, sitting as the sole anchor of the evening's newscast, premised the segment coming up as one which would deal with a case of a criminal "who profited from his crime," a theme seconded by correspondent Anthony Mason, and sounded by the subjects of the segment.

Viewers were left with the unmistakable opinion that the man depicted in the segment was getting "rich" off of the killing of a cop in Philadelphia.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

That edition of "Eye on America" is Exhibit A of "How to produce a biased, prejudicial and non-objective report." It was an attack on the writer, by appearing to be an attack on a book, a book that deals with many things, but not the crime for which the writer has been convicted — a fact to anyone who can, and does, read.

It is undisputed that the writer was convicted of a crime, and yes, the book **Live From Death Row** does deal with crime, but it deals with the crimes committed by this system, this government, members of the Philadelphia Police, and the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections — crimes that no court has condemned! It illustrates that some crimes are punished, and others are not. That is the real reason why this system, and its media mouthpieces (themselves huge *multi-national corporations)* are attacking this book.

Isn't it ironic that the very entity that claims its life-blood is the First Amendment to the Constitution, attacks someone for daring to practice the identical claimed constitutional guarantee?

What is more important, however, is the case that wasn't mentioned in that segment that claimed to deal with "those who profited from crime," and why.

Who recognizes the name "Stacey Koon"?

If you say, "one of the cops who almost beat Rodney King to death," you would be half right. He is also the author of the book, **Presumed Guilty: The Tragedy of the Rodney King Affair** (1993 Regnery Gateway). Mr. Koon is also a beneficiary of the Koon Defense Fund which has collected, as of 4-5 months ago, an estimated $4.7 million dollars — *million!*

In his letter soliciting funds for the support of his legal efforts on appeal, and his wife and five kids, the call for financial support is under the title: Sgt. Stacey C. Koon, L.A.P.D.

Sgt.? L.A.P.D.? Isn't Koon a convicted criminal?

Further, isn't he, by writing a book about the crime for which he was convicted — "profiting from his crime?"

Apparently, to the editors at CBS, not so, for who among the readers who are reading this column, have not seen the brutal videotaped beating of Rodney King — for the crime of being a "big nigga?" In his letter soliciting funds, Koon writes, "Rodney King, a muscle-bound, 6-foot 4-inch, 240 pounder, had attacked LAPD police officers before the famous video tape was made."

"At one point," Koon adds, King "exhibited superhuman strength."

When is a criminal not a criminal? When they are cops convicted of crimes? How many of the cops across the country contributed money to this convicted criminal?

You would not learn this from "Eye on..." for this was not, apparently, "news." In truth, it isn't news when white cops beat, kill or torture black men, women and children; that

is the status quo.

On the night before the event at the law enforcement memorial in Washington, D.C., over 100 cops (mostly from the New York Police Dept.) wrought havoc upon the Washington Regency Hotel, by acting like a squadron of drunken louts. They ran through the hotel buck naked, sexually harassed innocent women who lodged therein, they sprayed fire extinguishers into the air conditioning system, and beat on doors, shouting, "Open up! Federal police!"

What constitutes crime for average people becomes "boys letting a little steam off."

Who profits from crime?
Don't the cops?
Doesn't the media?

## • STATEMENT FROM THE MOVE ORGANIZATION •

State Representative Michael McGeehan is a plague, a menace, dangerous to all life, but the problem of McGeehan and all the McGeehan's who supposedly represents the people **is** the people themselves, because the people put him in office and is payin his salary to keep him in office, but what people had better understand is this man dont care nothin about the interests of the people, his loyalty is with cops, which is proven by the stand he's taking against Mumia Abu Jamal.

McGeehan's all in the news talkin, runnin his mouth, spittin out threats against Mumia, talkin about he wanna know where the money is that Mumia supposedly received from a publishing house as an advance on his book "Live From Death Row." Why is he so concerned about some money? We thought he said his concern was seeing "justice" done by killing Mumia because according to him Mumia had a fair trial and was found guilty of killing a cop, but it seems like his concern has now shifted to money, and finding out where it is. At any rate what difference does it make anyway, because McGeehan, this Hitler look-a-like, aint **really** the issue so much as those who put this racist cop lovin killer in office, **that's** the issue, the only **real** issue. People had better understand that if Mumia dies they gonna carry the responsibility for his death squarely on their shoulders.

Now we know some will protest, tryin to say things like, "what I got to do wit it," but you voted these no good worthless officials into office, you gave them the authority to represent you, you pay their salary and you are the one who's responsible for them. Their actions are on you, Move have been tellin people for the last 27 years. Now these officials politicians are liars, how they're not in office to serve the public, thats just the lie they tell when campaigning for your votes, but after the election, who do they serve, the people or their **own** interests, and this aint somethin that just started, its been goin on for over 400 yrs. ever since this stolen country's thievin rulers began their politics: politicians, public officials have continuously lied to the people, but the sad part about all this is that despite all their lies the people have continuously blindly, suicidely voted and put em in public office to so call "represent" them. Now look what you got, you got callous, unfeeling, hate-filled maniacs like McGeehan on the t.v., radio, in the news pumpin his weak ego talkin all tough, so called, bout what **he** gone see done to Mumia — and what or should we say **who's** advice is **he** following in this . . . the people's who he's supposed to be representing?

Not so. How many of the **people** is it callin for Mumia's death? Its the **people** who's been demonstrating protestin and fighting for Mumia's **life!** But now, we **all** know the cops, namely the fraternal order of police **is** callin for Mumia's death, so its obvious who this McGeehan's really representing, the cops not us, the people, but he's supposed to be a state representative **for** the people. That's the job people voted him in office to perform but like all his predecessors, he aint doin his job and it never was his intention **to** do a job like that in the first place, he who's from a long line of cops himself, through family **and** friends. Had a cop for a grandfather, was friends to Danny Faulkner, and judging from the looks of him, he's a relative of Adolf Hitler cuz he looks **like** that misfitted maniac! But to get back to the point, people need to stop ignoring Move like what we're saying aint relevant, aint worth takin notice. We been tellin yall these officials cant do nothin for you and dont care to do nothin for you. You been voting for *em for years and years, they* been makin promises to you for years an years and breaking those promises almost as fast as makin them.

You been seein this example over-n-over, so much so **you** even be complaining about how you cant trust these politicians. Yet you keep votin em in office. Move aint trying to write you no scathing criticizing letter through this article, so dont even take it that way, o.k. You and Move been through too many years together for you to start comin that way after all this time and familiarity. Mumia's **life** is literally on the line, more so now than ever because of this new governor Ridge and this McGeehan. The only issues now is what are we gone do about it, mainly, what are we gone do about Ridge and the rest of them cops, public officials like McGeehan, etc. You put em in office and you can put em out of office, and thats what you need to do, get em out of that office, stop em, dont let em continue to be paid **by** you while wagin war **on** you in the name of so call representation **of** you. McGeehan aint representing you, aint **none** of them politicians representing you, or nobody else, they representing themselves and **their** kind (which sure aint **you**).

Wake up!! Stop getting mad at Move for tellin you the truth and **look** at what Move is tellin you, wake up!! Get McGeehan out of office and stop believin a politician, **any** politician can do better for you than you can do for yourself. Stop givin em your power only to have em turn it against you. Save Mumia's life, he's an innocent man and dont deserve to die at the hands of these racist cops called prison officials. McGeehan's either lyin or he so unaware he just dont know what he's talkin about (which is **worse** for real) cuz Mumia aint never had no

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## JUDGES

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MORE GODDAMN CONSTRUCTION LAWS THE NEXT DAY. YOU JUDGES HAVE USED THESE DEVIOUS POLICIES YOU CALL LAW ON PEOPLE LONG ENOUGH. NOW, YOU CAN FOOL THOSE PEOPLE THAT CANT SEE THROUGH YOUR DECEPTION, BUT YOU AINT FOOLIN MOVE PEOPLE ONE GODDAMN BIT, AND WE AINT TAKIN NO MORE OF IT.

WE'RE SICK AND TIRED OF YOU JUDGES BREAKING THE LAW, AND HIDING BEHIND YOUR STATUS, COMMITTING CRIME AND HIDING BEHIND YOUR RANK, INDULGING IN EVERY VIOLATION EXISTING, AND HIDING BEHIND A JUDGESHIP, A CELEBRATED REPUTATION, DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY, CONSTITUTIONAL DECEPTION. YOU KNOW WHAT GOES ON IN THE POLICE FORCE, YOU KNOW WHAT GOES ON IN THE PRISONS, YOU KNOW WHAT GOES ON IN THESE GODDAMN COURTS AND WE KNOW YOU KNOW IT. WE'RE SICK OF THIS NONSENSICAL RHETORIC, FILIBUSTERING VERBIAGE, LIBELOUS FOOLISHNESS ABOUT "COPS AINT REALLY THAT WAY," "MOST COPS ARE BASICALLY HONEST," "MOST PRISONS ARE WELL RUN." ITS DANGEROUS TO GENERALIZE THIS WAY; DONT THE PUBLIC ALSO TRUST COPS, DONT THEY SAY MOST POLITICIANS ARE HONEST, AINT THAT SAME PUBLIC CONVINCED THAT JUDGES ARE HONORABLE? AND ARE YOU? ARE YOU CLEAN; ARE YOU HONEST; ARE YOU FREE OF THE TAINTING DECEPTION OF JUDICIAL CRIME? DO YOU ACT WITHIN THE LAW? ARE YOU MOTIVATED BY LAW OR BY PRESSURE? YOU KNOW GODDAMN WELL THOSE COPS AINT CLEAN, JUST AS YOU JUDGES AINT CLEAN. AND JUST AS YOU THINK *SOME COPS MAY BE CLEAN, SO DOES SOME*-BODY THINK YOU'RE *CLEAN*. YOU CAN HALLUCINATE ALL YOU WANT, BUT DONT EXPECT MOVE TO HALLUCINATE ALONG WITH YOU. WE KNOW YOU AINT CLEAN AND WE WANT YOU TO KEEP YOUR FILTHY HANDS OFF MOVE PEOPLE. WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO DEMONSTRATE ON THE STREETS AS WE SEE FIT, WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO DEMONSTRATE IN THE COURTS AS WE SEE FIT, WE ARE GOING TO DEMONSTRATE IN THE COURTS AS WE SEE FIT, WE ARE GOING TO DEMONSTRATE THAT SAME DIRECTION IN PRISON AS WE SEE FIT, AND WE AINT GONNA BE STOPPED BY YOU JUDGES WHO HAVE YET TO DEMONSTRATE ANY DIRECT SOLUTION TO YOUR OWN DAMN CRIME, REHABILITATE YOUR OWN DAMN CONFUSION, SOLVE YOUR OWN DAMN PROBLEMS. YOU JUDGES HAVE HAD THOUSANDS OF YEARS TO DEMONSTRATE THE HONESTY OF YOUR CHARACTER, THE COMMITMENT OF YOUR PERSON, THE WORKABILITY OF YOUR SO CALLED LAW. YOU'VE EXPERIMENTED WITH THE LIVES OF PEOPLE, MADE COUNTLESS MISTAKES, CAUSED A LOT OF PROBLEMS, AND ASKED FOR MORE TIME TO GET IT TOGETHER. WELL GODDAMNIT, WE AINT GIVIN YOU NO MORE TIME, YOU'VE CONVALESCED LONG ENOUGH AT THE EXPENSE OF PEOPLE. YOU'RE EITHER GONNA HAVE TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE LAW YOU HAVE BEEN USING ON PEOPLE . . . JUDGING THEM, JAILING EM, HARRASSIN EM, CONVICTIN EM, PAROLIN EM, TAXIN EM, PUTTING EM ON WELFARE, TAKIN EM OFF, DRAFTIN EM, SENDIN EM OFF TO FIGHT A GODDMAN WAR THAT YOU LAWMAKERS, POLICY MAKERS ARE TO BLAME FOR . . . IS WORKING, OR ADMIT THAT YOU ARE GUILTY OF FRAUD, OF TREASON, OF BLANTENTLY MISGUIDING PEOPLE.

IT IS CLEAR TO US THAT YOU JUDGES ARE JAILING, ENSLAVING, DECEPTIVELY MURDERING PEOPLE UNDER THE CRIMINAL LEGALITY OF A JUDGESHIP, AND WE INTEND TO CRYSTALLIZE THIS INJUSTICE, ON THE STREETS, IN THE COURTS, AND IN THE PRISONS, EVEN IF IT MEANS THAT THE CRYSTALLIZATION MUST BE POINTED BY THE DEATH OF MOVE MEMBERS. WE WILL NOT ALLOW OUR RELIGION TO BE PERSECUTED ANY LONGER, WE WILL NOT ALLOW THE DECEPTION OF JUSTICE TO GO UNNOTICED ANY LONGER, WE INTEND TO POINT OUT EVERY VIOLATION IN THE COURT SYSTEM, THE PENAL INSTITUTIONS AS WELL AS THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND WE AINT GONNA BE STOPPED.

WHEN YOU SEND US TO JAIL, WE'LL GO, AND WE WILL CARRY OUR ACTIVITY WITH US. IF IT MEANS THAT WE MUST SPEND TWO MONTHS IN JAIL TO PUT OUT INFORMATION, IF IT MEANS WE MUST SPEND FOUR MONTHS IN JAIL TO PUT OUT INFORMATION, WE'LL SPEND IT. IF IT MEANS WE'LL HAVE TO SERVE 6 MONTHS, 8 MONTHS, 2 YEARS IN JAIL TO PUT OUT INFORMATION, INFORM PEOPLE OF OUR DIRECTION, MAKE CLEAR THE POLICY OF OUR ORGANIZATION, WE WILL DO IT, AND WE WILL DO IT ACCORDING TO THE LAW, THE LAW OF MAMA, OF NATURE, OF GOD, OUR GOD. THIS DOES NOT MEAN HOWEVER, THAT WE WILL NOT CONTINUE TO CONFRONT YOU JUDGES OF THIS ILLEGALITY OF LOCKING MOVE PEOPLE UP TO BEGIN WITH. AND WHEN OUR ACTIVITY IN THE PRISONS IS COORDINATED, SO THAT WE CAN MOVE ON, WE'RE COMING OUT, AND YOU CAN EXPECT TO PREPARE TO LEAVE US OUT OR BE PREPARED TO BEAR THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ANY MOVE MEMBER THAT IS SICKENED, INJURED OR DIES AS A RESULT OF A HEALTH STRIKE. AND WHILE YOU MAY SEE IT AS A HUNGER STRIKE, IT IS, IN FACT A HEALTH STRIKE, AS WE ARE STRIKING *AGAINST UNHEALTHY GUARDS, UNHEALTHY MATRONS, UNHEALTHY FOOD,* DOCTORS, NURSES, UNHEALTHY PRISON WARDENS, UNHEALTHY PRISON SUPERINTENDENTS, THE BLATANT UNHEALTHINESS OF ALL PENAL INSTITUTIONS, POLICE DEPARTMENTS AND JUDGES ALIKE.

THE MOVE ORGANIZATION

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van to the waterfront at Delaware Ave. and threatened and terrorized in the police wagon before they were taken to the roundhouse. After the shootings, beatings and charges, we were sent to county jails. (Delbert, myself to St. Luke's hospital.) No one was allowed any visits from anybody for the first few weeks.

After a few months we started pretrial motions and hearings. Judges Merna Marshall, Ivins and Marachi combined to see that we were held for trial despite little or no evidence that Move folks killed or shot anybody. (See FIRST DAY Newspaper #3.) During one hearing (suppression of evidence) video filming shown by the police and prosecutors show police commissioner actually **handing, passing rifles** through our basement window to fellow police officers! **This is on film,** yet charges were not thrown out! We were assigned to Judge Malmed in early 1980. Its clear to Move people that Malmed had **orders** to see that we were convicted and sentenced. We were prevented from presenting our own defense and repeatedly

and permanently — thrown out of the courtroom. . . The lack of evidence was something the prosecutors could not get around. This is why our home was **destroyed** — the "crime scene" — immediately after our arrest. We were precluded any opportunity from the outset to adequately prove that we **couldn't** have possibly shot anybody from our basement. Judge Malmed had full knowledge of the entire illegal scheme set against Move. Yet he (in May 1980) convicted Move people of 3rd degree murder and several other attempted murder charges. (Yet nobody was convicted of any gun charges!) We were given 30-100 years in August of 1981. The exceptions were Cassandra Davis and Consuewella Africa. The former was never charged because she was just a "Move supporter." Consuewella eventually was given 10-20 years. Her trial was separate from ours because she was thought to be "just a supporter" and not a member. Clearly showing that they were only **after Move members** period! My sisters Debbie, Merle, Janet and Janine were no more guilty than Cassandra who was released! Not one of them (Consuewella included) had testimony from any cop that indicated that they did **anything** at all during the "shoot-in" besides hold their babies and try to protect them from the tear gas and keep them from drowning. Yet despite no gun charges, no evidence and at all times in clear view of the cops! They were given 30-100 years. We were given the charge "criminal conspiracy." According to this legal definition the district attorney **must** prove beyond any doubt that **one** — at least — of the persons committed an act (§ 2701 18 C.S.A. [e]). The Commonwealth shall not convict a group for conspiracy without at first satisfying the above mentioned requirement. This was **not done.** In fact Judge Malmed stated publicly after he sentenced us, that he did not know who killed James Ramp. . . Nothing presented showed Move committed any crime.

A key factor in this trial is the report submitted by the pathologist on the D.A.'s behalf; this report relating to James Ramp's murder was introduced at a preliminary hearing by Dr. Aronson who stated that the bullet entered the right side of James Ramp's chest. Then later another doctor (pathologist) stated that it was the left side of the chest. This Dr. (Catherman) **altered** the original report of Dr. Aronson to appear in favor of the prosecution. This is all a part of the Trial Transcript court record (Pgs. 126-146). Moreover, all initial reports from cops and doctors alike indicated that the bullet traveled "downward." All this was changed later for obvious reasons: How could Move possible fire a weapon from **down** our basement **up** and have the bullets trajectory travel down!? Another very important factor in showing how we were blatantly railroaded is how we were illegally and arbitrarily sentenced; most everybody convicted had **no prior felonious** convictions and/or arrests up until 1978. Malmed's laws stipulate that these factors must be taken into consideration when sentencing any person. Malmed did not follow **sentencing guidelines** and gave Move people all the time he could, out of hatred, vindictiveness and legalized racist sadism and because we are **Move members.** He stated publicly again that he gave us 100 yrs. because "we are a family. . .so he sentenced as a family" — Clearly contrary to all sentencing guidelines. . . That was fourteen years ago. So after seventeen years we remain in the hellhole. Appeals at the state and U.S. supreme courts. Presently we have post conviction petitions' pending. We of Move do not have any faith in the legal system even though we exhaust all appeals to further crystallize what **JOHN AFRICA** has taught us and shown: that there is no justice in the legal system. The only way that you who have just read this can make these people accountable with us is to **keep the pressure on** in any you can. Ultimately, the power of unity is what will make these people do right!

ON THE MOVE,
Chuck Africa
Minister of Confrontation
**LONG LIVE JOHN AFRICA FOREVER!**

## FIRST AMENDMENT RITES

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Who will teach this poor "Civil Servant," the Hearing Examiner Kerri Cross, that the documents she swore to defend and protect, the Constitution of the United States and Pennsylvania, refer to more than "Freedom of Speech"?

Is a "Handbook" superior to the Constitution of the U.S.? Of Pennsylvania? It would seem so.

For what you, dear reader, are doing right now (reading my words) I face additional "misconducts" for the offense of "Journalism".

At a "hearing" where my Civil Lawyer (J. Krakoff, Esq.) and civilian witnesses (one of my criminal lawyers, and publishers of the newspapers) were denied, this Civil "Servant" violated her oath to the Constitution to advance her career in the DOC.

For her, the 1st Amendment is a "Rite", a rite of passage, that she breezed by, and ignored, in her haste to "get Jamal".

If my writing is now a crime then we are now co-conspirators, for you are reading it. When my right to write is denied, what of your "right" to read?

For this arrogant, silly government, death is not enough.

Silence!

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did a radio program on the W.B.E.Z. (the Chicago N.P.R. affiliate) with Richard Steele. The night of March 22nd I gave a lecture at Loyola University. March 23rd we left Chicago for Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota. Brother Keith X, brother James Muhammad and Spike Moss invited Counsuewella and I to do their radio program at K.M.O.J. radio in Minneapolis — this was on March 24th. I also did a phone interview with Rhonda Kinchlow of W.C.C.O. radio in Minneapolis — Kinchlow is a former reporter with K.Y.U.W.. news radio here in Phila. We also did Don Olson's "Fresh Air" program on K.F.A.I. (Pacifica) radio in Minneapolis, and then spoke at the Sabathan Community Center that night in Minneapolis. On Sat. March 25th I addressed a large group of mostly middle class white people at a "Contract on America" program in the St. Joan of Arc Church. There I gave them some serious information about what **they're** gonna have to do. After that program, Counsuewella and I led a discussion group at Uhuru Books in Minneapolis. Saturday March 26th we went to a brunch at the Riverside Cafe, activists in the Twin Cities area gathered to meet and talk with us. After that we were virtually kidnapped off the street to do another Pacifica radio program and some public service announcements for the June-teenth celebrations. After that, Counsuewella and I did an interview for "Women's Struggle," a quarterly journal for women. On Mon., March 27th I spoke at McCallister College in St. Paul. Also, *while in the Twin Cities area, Consuewella and I did interviews with local media, the Southside Pride* newspaper. We returned home Tues., March 28th and my brother Carlos and I left for Los Angeles on Wed., March 29th. But before leaving for Los Angeles that day, I did an interview and photo session for *Emerge Magazine* [see the June issue of Emerge]. We did an early morning radio program on Thurs. the 30th at K.P.F.K. Pacifica radio in Los Angeles. Michael Taylor of K.P.F.K. was taping a telephone interview with Marilyn Buck while I was at the station and was pleased that I got the opportunity to talk with Marilyn on the phone. Students at Mount San Antonio Community College wanted me to speak there on Thurs., March 30th, but according to the students, the administration **banned** me from speaking there. Citing Khalid Muhammad as an example, they said I'm too controversial and a security risk. The students protested this attitude right on campus and invited me to speak at the protest, which I did. There was no security problems, a number of teachers cane outside to hear me speak and said how impressed they are with the information I put out, the wisdom of **John Africa.**

We left Mount San Antonio and went to K.A.B.C. radio where we listened to Tom Leykus interview Mumia's attorney Leonard Weinglass by phone from New York and Edward Asner from a Los Angeles studio, Leykus was in Las Vegas. The points made by Weinglass and Asner were very good. Carlos and I met with Edward Asner after the program and talked to him about Mumia and MOVE. On Fri., March 31st I did an early morning program with Carl Nelson at K.J.L.H. radio, that afternoon I did a phone interview with sister Isidra at K.A.C.E. radio. In the evening, a long time MOVE supporter named Karen Pomer took me and Carlos to the Los Angeles directors guild program for Temple University alumni. We met the head of the film dept. at Temple's School of Radio, Television and Film, Jeff Rush. He later assisted me with a video project for our May 13th "Ten Years Since the Bombing" program. After the director's guild program, Karen Pomer took Carlos and me to a meeting of the Los Angeles Geronimo Pratt Support Committee. It was very well attended and I got to address the gathering. I also got to talk with Rev. Jim McCloskey of the Centurian Ministries who was at the meeting since his organization has been working on Geronimo's case for the past couple of years. On Sat., April 1st I spoke at Muhammad's Mosque #27 in Los Angeles, then spoke to community people at the Kaos Community Center. I then spoke to more community people at the "Good Life Inc." Sunday, April 2nd Mumia's attorney and I were keynote speakers for a program sponsored by the L.A. Coalition to Stop the Execution of Mumia Abu-Jamal. The program was held at Coley's Kitchen in Beverly Hills and was very well attended. The M.C. was David Clenon of the T.V. series "Thirty Something;" people such as Marla Gibbs, Giancarlo Esposito, and Roger Smith read sections from Mumia's new book "Live From Death Row." The event was also attended by Edward Asner, Mike Farrel, and Preston Holmes (producer of "Panther"). There was a reception for Leonard Weinglass, the celebrities, and me before the program. After this program, I did Frank Sontag's radio program on K.L.O.S. *radio from 12* a.m. till about 1:30 a.m. Carlos and I left L.A. late Monday night and returned home on Tuesday morning April 4th. I addressed a class at the University of PA on Wed., April 5th and the students were very receptive, very interested in what **John Africa** teach. Sun., April 9th I spoke in Asbury Park, N.J. to some brothers and sisters who were brought together by Sister Jaama Maat Mumina Wadud-Ra and Brother Oba B. Ajamuayo. On Mon., April 10th I addressed a class at Community College of Philadelphia (Spring Garden campus), the lecture was covered by Wayne Wooley from the Associated Press Wire Service.

My sister Sue Africa and I left for Cambridge, MA on Tuesday, April 11th and had dinner with some Harvard Law students that night. The following day on April 12th, Sue and I addressed a group of High School students that attended a Boston A.C.L.U. Bill of Rights Education Project and another group of young people from the "Youth Build Boston" program. These young people have a lot of energy, a lot of potential, when that energy is directed. That same night I gave a lecture at Harvard-Radcliff University. People had some good questions which allowed me to put out even more information. There was one provocateur in the group that was probably a police plant, however, things generally went good anyway, despite him. I also got to meet and talk with Kathleen Cleaver, former Black Panther and wife of Eldridge Cleaver. Wednesday, April 19th Bonnie Kerness (from the American Friends Service Committee — Criminal Justice Committee) and I have lectures at Wm. Patterson College in Wayne, N.J. Friday, April 21st Carlos, Consuewella and I did interviews with reporters from *The Phila. Inquirer* and *The Phila. Daily News*. That same day, I also did an interview with a student from the Community College of Phila. (West Phila. campus) who was doing a paper on MOVE, focusing on the May 13th bombing. The *Inquirer* article appeared in the May 7th edition and the *Daily News* appeared in the May 10th edition. On April 24th my sister Consuewella and I went to Washington, D.C. to do a radio program on W.D.C.U. (the radio station of the University of the District of Columbia); we did Cade Campbell's program "A Women's View." April 25th Carlos, Consuewella, and I did interviews for news programs on local ABC, CBS, and NBC affiliates; these interviews aired between May 11th and May 13th. On April 26th I gave a lecture at the University of Maryland's Baltimore Campus (U.M.B.C.). My brother Tremayne and I left for Washington State on April 27th; I gave lectures at Evergreen State College in Olympia, WA on Fri. the 28th and at Evergreen State College in Tacoma, WA on Sat., April 29th. We left Tacoma for Seattle on Sunday the 30th and left Seattle to return home on the night of the 30th. We got home around 11 a.m. Mon., May 1st, and I did Irv Homer's radio program on W.W.D.B. at 3 .m. that day. Also, on Sun.. April 30th, my sisters Pam and Consuewella Africa did Lehronda Upshurs morning radio program on Power 99-W.U.S.L. radio. On Tues., May 2nd my sister Pam Africa and I did a radio program ("A Call to Consciousness") on W.P.E.B. radio. That same night my sister Consuewella and I addressed a class at Community College (West Phila. campus) as a follow up to the interview we did on April 21st. On Wed., May 3rd I taped two segments of the *Saturday Tribune* with Joyce Evens at KYW-TV, the local NBC affiliate. The first segment aired on Sat., May 6th and a second segment aired on Sat., May 13th.

On May 4th, I taped a long interview with W.P.H.L.'s (channel 17) "*Inquirer* News Tonite." Segments of the interview were aired during the week of May 8th-May 13th. That same day I also taped Brad Segal's radio program on W.O.G.L. radio, it aired on Sunday, May 7th. Consuewella and I did Tamlin Henry's "Community Action Magazine" radio program on W.D.A.S. AM on Thurs.., May 4th. On Fri., May 5th I lectured students at a program for the homeless called "The Employment Project" (T.E.P.), then I went to tape "Morning Edition' with Vicky Que at the local N.P.R. affiliate W.H.Y.Y. — this interview aired on Fri., May 12th and Sat., May 13th. On Mon. afternoon May 8th, I taped on interview for ABC World News Tonight with Jim Hickey. It aired on Fri., May 12. That night Consuewella and I did Reggie Bryant's radio program — Catharsis — on Temple University's radio station W.R.T.I. The next morning Tues., May the 9th Consuewella and I did Mary Mason's radio program — Mornings with Mary — at W.H.A.T. radio. That same day, Consuewella and I taped an interview for BET's News with Sabrina Dames which aired on Fri., May 12th at 6:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. On Friday, May12th I did Marty Moss-Coane's radio program — Radio Times — at W.H.Y.Y. radio, this is the N.P.R. affiliate. We also had a noon-time rally in front of City Hall here in Phila. People had begun to arrive here for our May 13th program, so the rally was attended by supporters from Maine, Los Angeles, Belgium, New York, New Jersey and Ohio as well as Phila. supporters. The night of May 12th I was a speaker at the "Lessons From The MOVE Tragedy" group's May 13th memorial program. On the morning of Sat. May 13th I did Dr. Benjamin Chavis' radio program on W.O.L. radio in Washington, D.C., this was by phone. We then went downtown to District Council 1199c Union H.Q. for our May 13th program. We made it clear that the purpose of our program was to **never** let people (official or **un**official) forget the viciousness and treachery demonstrated that day by this system and to focus attention on the **issues** behind the May 13th Confrontation — the ongoing imprisonment of our nine **innocent** sisters and brothers. This system can't give us back our eleven sisters and brothers it murdered on May 13th, but it **can** give us back our nine sisters and brothers by releasing MOVE Prisoners of War. The program went very well, the speakers were impressive and noted actor Giancarlo Esposito came and read a statement from our brother Mumia Abu-Jamal. People attended this program from Maine to Florida, from New York to California, and even from Belgium.

My sister Pam Africa and I went to visit Mumia on Wed., May 17th. He's doing real good and is stronger than ever despite his position. Let me take this opportunity to make it very clear that Mumia's life is **not** in Gov. Tom Ridge's hands, his life and freedom of all P.O.W.s is in our hands, the peoples hands. We need to understand this and act accordingly. Mumia's attorney — Leonard Weinglass has filed Mumia's Post Conviction appeal on June 5th. Activities are being coordinated around this, so call **(215) 476-8812** for more information. After returning from our visit with Mumia on Thurs., May 18th, I did a phone interview with a reporter from a daily newspaper in Italy called *Corriere*. I then went to W.C.A.U.-TV (the local CBS affiliate) to tape a response to Maureen Faulkner's accusations against Mumia (Maureen Faulkner is the wife of Daniel Faulkner, the cop Mumia is accused of killing). This woman is waging a viscous campaign against Mumia, she is accusing him of "profiting from his crime" through his book. I gave Bill Baldina a **detailed** interview, I pointed out first and foremost that Mumia didn't commit no crime; that Mumia was an award-winning journalist **long** before Dec. 9, 1981 when he was arrested; and that his book is a collection of his commentaries, it has **nothing** to do with Daniel Faulkner. I point out that if Maureen Faulkner has a problem with people "profiting from crime," why aint she campaigning against police officer Stacy Koon (one of Rodney King's police attackers writing a book and making money from it — and that is right in Los Angeles where she lives; why aint she bitter about Richard Nixon and his Watergate henchmen not only writing books but lecturing everywhere and making **big** money talking about **their crime.** If we're gonna talk about "profiting from crime," how can **anybody** overlook the fact that this country was **founded on crime;** founded on theft, rape, murder, so **anybody** that's making money in this country, **big money,** is "profiting from crime," aint they. Finally, aint **nobody**

profiting from the death of her husband but **her,** she's the **only** one getting paid because her husband was killed. MOVE aint overlooking the fact that this woman aint start speaking out like this til she found out that Mumia got a cash advance on his book, money that she couldn't get her hands on, despite attempts to locate the money and have it given to her. The point I want to make tho, is that when this interview aired Maureen Faulkner got all kinds of air time, 5 or 6 minutes, while I was only heard to say two brief comments — that Mumia didn't commit no crime and that he was a journalist long before Dec. 9, 1981. MOVE people have come up with the idea that I write all the major talk shows and offer to go one on one with Maureen Faulkner because it's easy for her to make those unfounded accusations with nobody there to challenge and confront her on 'em. My letters are going to talk shows now — people should be writing and calling these talk shows too, saying you want to see such a program. That can only encourage talk shows to do the program.

On Fri., May 19th my sister Pam Africa and I went to New York to speak at the Malcolm X Commemoration Program. On Sun., May 21st Pam and I returned to New York for two different programs for Mumia. The first program was a $15 a person book reading/foundries co-sponsored by radio station W.B.A.I. (New York), Equal Justice USA/The Quixote Center, The N.Y. Coalition to Free Mumia Abu-Jamal, and The International Concerned Family and Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal; it was held at Cooper Union. Pam and I *was invited along with* Melvin Van Peebles, Dhoruba Bin Wahad, William Kunstler. Also invited was Mumia's attorney Leonard Weinglass, Mumia's son Jamal, John Edgar Wideman and a host of others to read excerpts from Mumia's recently released book, "Live From Death Row." After that program, Pam and I went over to the Chelsea Atlantic Theatre to attend a fund-raiser for Mumia put on by Giancarlo Esposito. The program was called "Artists United To Save the Life of Mumia Abu-Jamal." Tickets were $250 each for which Pam and I received complimentary tickets. The program was hosted by Ed Asner, Melvin Van Peebles, John Edgar Wideman, Giancarlo Esposito, and Bobby Watson. Giancarlo Esposito did a one man reading of Mumia's commentaries and he was accompanied by a saxophone played by Bobby Watson. It was a **very** good program. A hand full of Phila., Wash., D.C., and New York cops held a pitiful excuse for a demonstration outside the Atlantic Theatre; they were so impotent, so ineffective that all they did was get **more publicity** for the program. That's **most** of the things that I've been doing since the last update. Now let me update you on the legal front: I'll be attending a pre-trial conference on my federal suit so all parties can be advised as to where things stand. The **full** Third Circuit Court of Appeals has refused to hear my appeal of the individual defendants (Goode, Brooks, Sambor, Richmond, etc.) being dismissed from my trial. Now I have to decide whether or not to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court or to go to trial with "the city of Phila." as the only defendant. The city of Phila. is appealing to the U.S. Supreme Court to dismiss **them** from my suit too and thereby dismiss the whole suit.

Our brother Carlos officially completed his parole on May 13th, he's **finished!** We also got word that P.O.W. Eddie Hatcher was finally released from prison in North Carolina, welcome home Eddie! A revolutionary salute to all freedom fighters that are remaining strong, keeping the fire of revolution burning — **we are victorious** so long as we don't give into this rotten corrupt system

On The Move
Your sister in Revolution
Ramona

In **natural law** MOVE trust,
All praises to the order of **life,**
The power of **truth** is final,
**Long Live MOVE,**
Long Live Revolution,
Long Live John Africa!!!
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Long Live John Africa!!!

P.S. The Aug. 8th/Justice for MOVE Committee is sponsoring a roller skating fund-raiser at the Elmwood Skating Rink on Sat. July 29th from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Tickets are $5. For tickets or info. call **(215) 387-9955.** Also, on Sat. June 25th, KPFA radio in Berkeley, CA and Equal Justice USA/The Quixote Center are co-sponsoring a book reading/fund-raising for Mumia. Also, remember that we're looking for articles from P.O.W.s and Political Prisoners to put in our paper.

For more info. call **(215) 387-9955.**

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## STATEMENT FROM THE MOVE ORGANIZATION

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fair trial, **everybody** knows that! McGeehan need to get his so call facts straight before he put out another statement like he did in the Daily News, sayin Mumia had a fair trial and he was found guilty, thats a bold face **lie** and we **all** know it. Mumia aint no more have a fair trial than Move did when Move got convicted of killin one cop with one bullet that nine Move people supposedly shot out of one gun all at the same time, an so on... McGeehan aint nothin but a young arrogant snotty nosed racist bully and a coward hiding behind the cops and the rest of this government to fling his weight around against people **he** feel is beneath him so he can get away with it. Talkin bout he gone **see** to it Mumia dies **and** he wanna know where the money is. Come on yall, now yall got to admit this is a bit much, did **yall** tell him to say that? No, you didn't, so what gives him the **right** to make statements like that, or even to have that type of attitude, who's payin **his** salary, the cops, this gov., or **you?**

Think about it. Politicians done got **way** beyond themselves, they done completely snapped out, they done **forgot** they **public servants, not** public **dictators.** Yall better remind em cuz they truly **have** forgot that, and its hurtin you and yours, and its only gone get worse! Dont even waste your time and energy lookin for it to get better, it **wont,** it never has and it never will, as we said, it'll only get worse. Dont keep payin these politicians salary to have them turn around and put **you** in chains, prison, the gas chamber. *Dont let this racist murderous McGeehan help Ridge, another racist killer, kill Mumia,* **stop** em. **You** put em in office, **you** can get em out, go to city hall file a formal citizens complaint against McGeehan and whoever else is in cohoots with him, and follow it up until you get results. Also contact the Concerned Family and Friends of Mumia Abu Jamal, P.O. Box 19709, Phila., PA 19143.

One other thing we want to point out that people should really sit up and take note of, this state Rep. McGeehan is by his own admission a criminal, a violent, assaultive criminal. He admitted to committing assault and battery on James Mulberrin, and what Move is sayin is anybody who commits assault and battery against another person done committed a crime, according to this system's laws, so what business a criminal got holdin a public office; 55 yrs. ago this would have been unheard of but today this government acts like people should just accept this. Usually people who commit assault and battery get charges filed against them go to court get fined or end up in prison, the dont end up in the house of representatives, because accordin to this system government officials **aint criminals.** So how do this government explain McGeehan? What is he doin holdin a public office? People who're seen as criminals are seen as having bad reputations and it ain't easy for them to get a job nowhere, not even slingin hamburgers, yet this McGeehan is a criminal, got a bad reputation for committing assault and battery against James Mulberrin, he even **admitted** he committed this crime, still he sittin there holding public office. Dont yall see something wrong with this? We know you do!

McGeehan aint got the right to hold no public office on no level, he aint qualified by his **lack** of good character! So what is he doin **holdin** public office, and what is he talkin bout **he's** gone see to it that criminals pay for their crimes when **he** aint paid for **nothin** and dont **intend** to as long as he can get away with it. This is the kind of outrageous paradoxical outlaw Move has been warning people about these politicians for **years.** If any**one** of **you** did what McGeehan did, beat somebody up, you **know** where **you'd** be, and it wouldn't be holdin down no public office either, gettin in people's faces dictatin to them, tellin them what **they** better accept cuz this is what **you** gone do, etc. Get McGeehan out of office, call for his resignation, **demand it,** he's unfit to hold public office he's a criminal! Its no wonder he wants Mumia dead so bad, thats how a criminal mind thinks. All a criminal mind **wants** to do is kill destroy beat up — **this is Michael McGeehan,** this is the extent of what he is and none of us should sit back and let this criminal, or no other criminal hold down no public office only to have them **mis**use it to hide behind to pull political strings to have Mumia killed.

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# THE BLACK JOURNALIST OF AMERICA

*It's amazing how blind you can be after all that's been done, and is still bein done to Blacks in America. That you would even hallucinate about "belonging," fittin in, havin a piece of the pie, it's mind-boggling, but it's the facts. You are the typical middle class, so call professional negroes of America, sexless, spineless, no identity, scared shitless of the White establishment, you're such* **cowards,** and not only cowards, you're **traitors,** cuz the two go hand-n-hand. It's no surprise you're sellin Mumia down the river, no more surprising than you kissin Newt Gingrich's ass for the **same** reason you sellin Mumia out — you got a job the Whites allowed you to have and you wanna keep it no matter **what** you have to do (and **understand** this, they **allowed** you to have that job just like they **allowed** you to go to their schools, adopt **their** religion, move in their neighborhoods, as long as you're willin to pay the price which is to sell out your race, sell out your own self and be the yessar boss niggah you are, not really a man, not really a woman, a sexless thing, nothing of real significance existing off the charity of your controller). So you got a job you wanna keep and you willin to pay the price, this time its Mumia's life, what will be next and what have you already sacrificed you cowardly, traitorous, sell-out phonies — remember May 13, 1985, 11 innocent Black women, men and children on Osage Ave. in Philadelphia. Everybody sees you too, make no mistake about it, you can't hide behind your so call status, people all over the world were shocked by your response to Mumia's need for help, and equally shocked by your support of a **known** racist, Newt Gingrich (a man who's pushin to **truly** put your Black asses back in slavery chains, unlike you wanna see Move as doin, its not Move trying to put you back in slavery). Its not even any point in you bein told to wake up, you're dead, and thats obvious. The question is will you rest in peace, the answer is no, there will be no peace for traitors like you, and when Newt and his cronies finish with your dumb asses please don't cry about "they told me so," it'll be too late then.

You turn the whole world's stomach wit your phoney pompous airs: To the Whites you're a private joke, to Blacks, you're a no good turn-coat, to Orientals you're just another inferior niggah, and to the Indian who's land you helped steal, and **still** holdin onto, you're a slave helpin the enslaver **to** enslave, you're simply no damn good, not to yourself or nobody else and **nobody** respects you; the sooner you understand that the better. When the racism thats seethin in this country finally hits the fan, its niggahs like you who'll be the first to go, the Whites runnin this country gonna **see** to that, because as was said, you turn people's stomachs you're so sick: greedy, selfish, weak, cowardly, and a liar and a traitor. Nobody is attracted to weakness, nobody trust or respects a traitor. You're tolerated for now, even courted in some instances (just like the Lone Ranger tolerated and courted Tonto), cuz you can be **used,** and don't **ever** think its anything more than that; Whites can use your traitorous ass to their advantage so they **take** advantage of you but you'll **never** gain their respect thus you'll never really be "accepted" - no matter **what** you do, **who's** ass you kiss, **who** you sell out. So **sell** Mumia out, nobody can force you to do right by Mumia, although its beyond people's comprehension why you won't, but now its obvious why you support Newt Gingrich and his policies of conservatism - that's the **way** of the house niggah, always have been, aint it!

You gone have to deal wit your conscience though, its gone keep reminding you of what Move is telling you now, and have told you before, you **think** you can deal wit it but you will see, in time, that your conscience aint something you can take lightly or buy off, you gone have to come face to face with it and deal with it, it wont give you no rest; thats when your crimes against Mumia and the entire Black race (past **and** present) gone demand to be answered for, and **you gone have to answer.**

ON THE MOVE
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**LONG LIVE JOHN AFRICA!!**

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From: GROVER FURR
apollo.montclair.edu
Subject: MOVE and Mumia

From what I have read, Mumia Abu-Jamal is imprisoned completely unjustly, and I support a campaign to demand his release.

That does not mean, however, that I sympathize at all with the statement he has apparently been making — for example, about the MOVE movement. As I understand them, MOVE was or is a nationalist — which is to say, racist — sect which had thoroughly offended their neighbors in Philadelphia by their anti-social behavior and lack of hygiene. The Phila. mayor and cops committed a major crime in massacring them and incinerating the entire neighborhood. This does not, however, ennoble MOVE or its members in any way.

There are plenty of groups which the US and other capitalist governments attack and slaughter which are not worthy of our sympathy and support, in my view. Think of Koresh's right-wing sect, or the various Identity fascists in the West, not to mention foreign groups and individuals [Khaddafi, the PLO, the two major Kurdish parties, etc. etc.].

It seems to me that MOVE is among them. They should not have been slaughtered. But they are reactionary in their ideology; in this way, they are more similar to the US government than different from it, regardless of their fate.

As for Jamal, I have seen no evidence that he is a communist, a fighter for the working class, an anti-racist. I've never seen anything of his that smacks remotely about this. He was not noted, apparently, for supporting strikes, for example, or as an organizer.

Jamal seems to be a nationalist, i.e. a racist. If this is true, he is the victim of a terrible injustice, like many, many others, but he is not someone whose views deserve to be spread abroad, not someone who should be built into a "leader" in any sense. On the contrary: any calls for justice for him should be carefully qualified so as not to give anyone the impression that one should endorse his views in order to support his release.

If my impressions about MOVE and Jamal are wrong, I'd like to be corrected. If they are correct, I suggest that we stop spreading statements that give the impression that these are positive forces for the working class of the US and the world. ***Grover Furr***

### TO: GROVER FURR

*FROM: Jamila, a MOVE supporter*

I am writing in response to your statement about MOVE and Mumia Abu-Jamal. You said that if your impressions are wrong, you would like to be corrected. Please consider my comments, as I work directly with the MOVE Organization and Mumia.

Have you read anything of the teachings of **JOHN AFRICA?** It appears that you have not, or else where would you get the idea that MOVE is a nationalist or a racist organization? There is absolutely nothing in the writings of **JOHN AFRICA** or the writings of any MOVE member that would condone nationalism or racism. MOVE teaches respect for LIFE, regardless of race, species, etc. Although blacks make up the majority of MOVE members, neither race nor nationality are requirements for membership. MOVE members and supporters are people with the commitment and tenacity to fight this corrupt system. White MOVE members and supporters have been subjected to intense harassment because this system finds it so offensive that whites would choose to follow the teachings of a black man and a predominantly black group. Those who have stayed with MOVE are those with total dedication, those who refuse to bend to this system's pressure.

Have you read any of Mumia's writings, or listened to his radio commentaries? If you did, you would realize that Mumia consistently and relentlessly fights for the rights of **all** working class people, and **all** poor people. As one who knows Mumia personally, having spent countless hours visiting with him behind the glass in Pennsylvania prisons, I must tell you emphatically that he is a man of genuine compassion and love for all life.

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# BLACK AUGUST

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August. A month of injustice and divine justice; of repression and righteous rebellion; of individual and collective efforts to free the slaves, and break the chains that bind us.

August saw slaves and the grandsons of slaves strikeout for their god-given right to freedom, as well as the awesome price, the ultimate price always paid by those who would dare oppose the slavemaster's will.

Like their spiritual grandfather, the blessed rebel Nat Turner, those who opposed Massa in this land of unfreedom met murder by the state; George and Jonathan Jackson, James McClain, William Christmas, Bobby Hutton, Steve Bartholomew, Robert Lawrence, Tommy Lewis, Sylvester Bell, all suffered the fate of Nat Turner, of the slave daring to fight the slavemaster for his freedom.

Ruchell Magee, for the crime of surviving the Marin County Courthouse Massacre has been consigned to a ``life" in California slave coffles, modern-day dungeons called ``adjustment centers," where he has languished since August, 1970.

He is a political prisoner guilty of the unpardonable sin of insurrection, and though not executed by hanging like his ancestor, Nat Turner, nor executed by firing squad like his co-rebels, he endures a cruel living death in the bowels of babylon.

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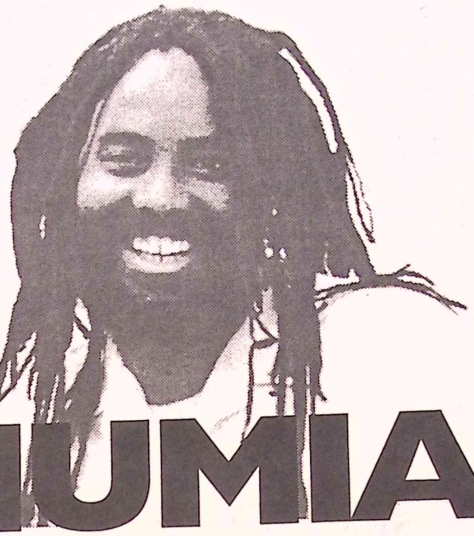

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# ANNIVERSARY OF URBAN HOLOCAUST

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Aug. 8th, 1978 — A date that still lives in infamy. For many readers, the date alone is sufficient to inform them of the significant events of that day. It has entered the public consciousness the same way "May 13th" has — A milestone in human memory. For those who don't recognize that date, it marks the day, 17 years ago, when the Phila. Police Dept. launched a paramilitary assault on the old home and Headquarters of the MOVE Organization, in Powelton Village, West Philadelphia, to, ostensibly, serve civil eviction papers. It was in scale and scope, an act of civil war, where police fired non—stop into the MOVE house, where 12 MOVE adults and numerous MOVE babies huddled in a flooded basement, water up to their chests!

During the long shooting war, one cop, hit by police fire, was shot and killed by a round that hit him in the back of his head — an impossible feat for any MOVE person, as the cop was facing the MOVE house, and was shown so positioned on videotape, at the time of his shooting.

What followed was a political prosecution against those who survived the armed onslaught, all except those who renounced their loyalty to **JOHN AFRICA** — they were simply released. 9 remaining MOVE members, men and women who remained committed to their revolutionary and antiestablishmentarian posture, were each and all convicted of murder and sentenced to a collective term of 270 to 900 years! 9 people — 900 years — for 1 cop, that they are innocent of killing!

There are therefore, 900 damn good reasons to remember August 8th, and to protest this overt political prosecution of MOVE. Those 9 men and women — Merle Africa, Janet Africa, Deb Africa, Phil Africa, Janine Africa, Mike Africa, Chuck Africa, Delbert Africa and Eddie Africa — are still committed to **JOHN AFRICA's** Revolution/Still Ona Move! They are still committed to "Life," still opposed to a system bent on destroying Life.

Although encaged under a century's sentence, they minister, counsel, help and teach those around them — teaching the way of Revolution. That they even survived that day borders on the miraculous; that they, several the victims of gunshot wounds themselves, could be charged, convicted and sentenced to 900 years in prison, for a murder they didn't commit is outrageous. We must protest this naked injustice.

Join MOVE in their protest rally on Aug. 5th, 1995 at the Liberty Bell, 5th & Market Sts., Independence Mall.

On Aug. 15th, 1995, MOVE will host a program featuring guest speakers like acclaimed poet Sonia Sanchez, Dr. Ben Chavis, the fiery Pam Africa, and MOVE's remarkable Ramona Africa. 17 years — is 17 years too long!

For more info. contact the Aug. 8th committee, (215) 387—9955. Let us **all** build the force to bring these good and noble sisters and brothers home; make these words a reality: **FREEDOM FOR ALL MOVE POLITICAL PRISONERS! NOW!**

Let's get . . . 'Ona Move!'

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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I have visited with several other death row prisoners who look to Mumia for consistent support and caring. This is not something one would expect to find in the harshness of prison life, but Mumia fights the battle for justice wherever he is, in this case death row. Just as he was called "the voice of the voiceless" while working as a radio journalist in Philadelphia, today he speaks for one of the most misunderstood, oppressed groups in this country, prisoners, especially those condemned to be executed by the state. And, he continues to speak out about conditions on the outside, as well: poverty, welfare cuts, homelessness, police repression, drugs, racism, destruction of the environment, etc. You write, "I see no evidence that he is a communist" and it appears that you find fault with this. Does everything have to be couched in Marxist-Leninist rhetoric for you to find it acceptable?

Too many white leftist organizations hasten to attack predominantly black groups as "racist" when they should be looking at their own racist attitudes. I say this as a person of European Jewish descent, who is dismayed at the close-mindedness of many white so-called "progressives." I see a lot of paternalistic, condescending attitudes that will never lead to unity among people from different backgrounds. Some of these groups want blacks to join so it will look good, but they don't want to share decision-making.

I urge you to read Mumia's book when it comes out this spring, so you will better understand where he is coming from.

I suggest you consider, too, where you have gotten your information about the MOVE Organization. Your comments about MOVE's "anti-social behavior" and "lack of hygiene" suggest that your sources have been the mainstream press, the same press which essentially condoned 30-100 year sentences for 9 innocent MOVE members, the bombing and murder of eleven MOVE members, the same press which routinely condones mass destruction of the earth and all forms of life. Whether it's lying by omission or presenting misinformation, the press does both on a daily basis because this system would fall if the press told the truth. You know that! So why are you believing what this same press says about MOVE?

## A LONG HISTORY, A SHORT MEMORY

The years have been long, since the first slave ship arrived ...

Filled to capacity with Africans inside ...

Taken from their homeland, with a heritage once filled with pride ...

Kings and sons of Kings were kidnapped, while their Mothers cried ...

400 years of oppression, and forced to live as a slave ...

400 years of torture, rape, and murder ... And yet we forgave ...

Because, although we have a long history, unfortunately, we have a very short memory.

True, there were times when we fought back, and tried to break the oppressor's chain ...

But once the rage diminished, we forgot about the pain ...

We've witnessed innumerable injustices, which became our rallying cry ...

But it didn't take us long to lose the passion, and again, sit idly by ...

There was a time when the oppressors hunted us down for sport ...

But yet we forgave them, because, although our history is long, our memory is short.

NAT TURNER gave us hope, as he tried to lead the way ...

But once he was murdered, our hopes were dashed, and once again, we forgave ...

We had SOJOURNER, DENMARK, and GRANDMA MOSES, who stood up in our behalf ...

But because we internalized american ideals, we forgot our past ...

Great were their transgressions, horrible were their crimes. They raped our women, stole our children, and turned us into slaves ...

But because of our force-fed Eurocentric christian principles, as usual, we forgave ...

Because, although we have a long history, unfortunately, we have a short memory.

Over the years we've lost a lot of brave soldiers, who ied fighting for our cause, sacrificing their own lives ...

And in the heat of the moment, we may get angry and riot for a few days, but eventually, the passion dies ...

We have too many other important things to do, than to waste our time fighting for liberation.

There are parties to go to, malls to shop at, movies to watch, and even a game or two ...

But we fail to see the big picture ... Although it's some other Black man being stomped or murdered by police today, tomorrow it could be you!

We're all in this thing together, this is not a game ...

There's no difference between MUMIA and you, we're the same ...

How can you abandon your brother, especially when he needs you most?

Is it because of your short memory? Or your fear of your oppressive white host?

You were passionate when MARTIN was murdered, and you made them pay for your pain ...

But it wasn't long before your anger was gone, and it wasn't long before it happened again ...

We've had riots, we've had protests ...

We've had marches, and civil unrest ...

But once we get tired of marching, protesting, and rioting, we go back to our daily lives ...

And while we're sitting home, minding our business, another Black Mother cries!

Well MUMIA's Mother cries today, I can see the tears swell in her eye ...

Because this wicked, corrupt, oppressive government has declared that her son must die ...

You have to make your voices heard, you have to make your presence felt. You have to let this oppressive government know, that MUMIA must live!

And if they carry out this state-sanctioned murder, you will not forgive!

And in this case, your memory has to be long, and the struggle must continue!

We cannot allow another African warrior to be murdered by this oppressive government!

We've forgotten past transgressions, we've forgiven past sins ...

And now they want us to forgive and forget, while MUMIA's life comes to an end ...

What torture could be more premeditated, than 400 years of oppression?

What murder could be more premeditated, than death by lethal injection?

No one stands accused, or held accountable for the oppressor's crimes ...

And they continue their agenda of annihilation, while cutting down Black men in their primes ...

And now they've moved MUMIA to the top of their hit list, simply to silence the voice of rebellion ...

But the only way his voice can be silenced, is if you believe the lies they're tellin' ...

But we've believed them in the past, and forget about the pain they brought ...

Because, although we have a long history, our memory is short ...

And that's what they are counting on, for us to forget as the passion dies ...

But just remember this; as you are trying hard to forget, another Black Mother cries!

So we can't let it happen this time, we have to stand tall, and strong!

We can't forgive, we can't forget, and no, we can't all just get along!

MUMIA is not just a cause celebre, he's a powerful voice in our struggle for liberation ...

And we can't allow him to be murdered, simply for the oppressor's gratification!

We don't need another martyr, and I'm sure MUMIA doesn't want to be one ...

We can't allow his life to be sacrificed on the alter of injustice.

And to prevent that from happening, we have to do what needs to be done!

Malice Green was murdered by cops in Detroit, Rodney King was beaten by cops in L.A.,

And although we got angry, our protests, outrage, and riots only lasted for a short time, and we went on our merry way ...

But we can't do that this time, the stakes are too high!

Besides not wanting to fail my brother at the time he needs me most, I don't want to see MUMIA's Mother cry!

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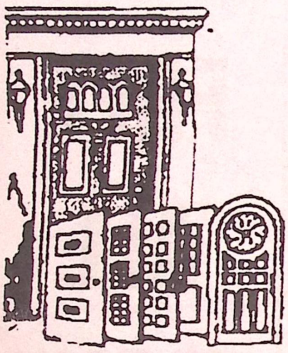

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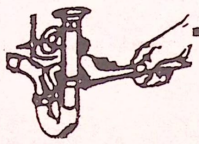

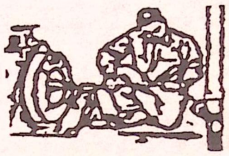

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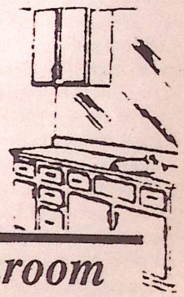

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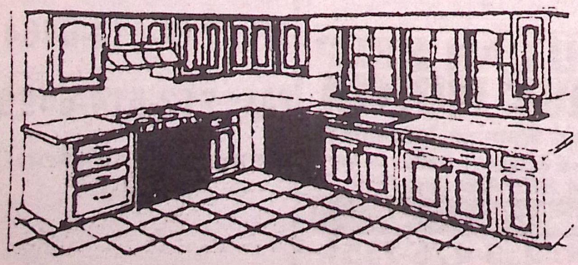

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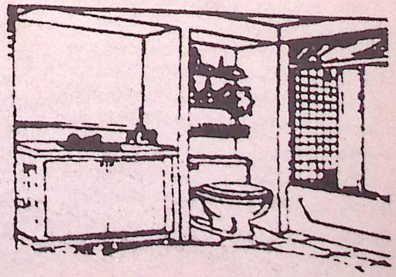

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# WHO ARE THE MOVE 9?

The MOVE 9 are innocent men and women who have been in prison since 1978, following a massive police assault on MOVE Headquarters in Powelton Village, Philadelphia (seven years before the government dropped a bomb on MOVE, killing 11 people including 5 children).

MOVE's belief is in Life. MOVE members follow the teachings of their founder, JOHN AFRICA. MOVE members have an uncompromising committment to their belief. It is that committment which makes them a strong, unified family despite years of hardship.

The August 8, 1978 assault on MOVE was a major military operation enacted by the Philadelphia Police Dept. under the direction of then-mayor Frank Rizzo. The assault followed years of police brutality against MOVE; Rizzo's reputation for racism and abuse of citizens is well documented.

During the assault, heavy equipment was used to tear down barricades surrounding the house, and police moved in while SWAT teams staked out every possible exit. MOVE members retreated to the basement, where they withstood fire hoses and water deluge guns. As the basement flooded, they held children and dogs above the rising water.

Suddenly shots rang out and bullets immediately filled the air as police throughout the area opened fire. Officer James Ramp was struck and killed by a single bullet.

MOVE adults came out of the house carrying their children through clouds of tear gas and were immediately taken into custody. MOVE never fired any shots and no MOVE members were arrested with any weapons. All were viciously beaten. TV cameras filmed police brutally beating Delbert Africa. (Three of the four police were brought to trial and *acquitted* despite irrefutable photographic evidence.) The city bulldozed and leveled the house *immediately* that day, thereby destroying evidence.

The MOVE 9 were sentenced to 30-100 years *each* allegedly for the death of Officer James Ramp. Autopsy reports show clearly that the bullet that hit Ramp travelled in a *downward* direction; MOVE members were in the basement of their house *below* the street making it ballistically impossible for them to have fired the shot.

In reality, the MOVE 9 were sentenced *because* they were MOVE members. The murder charges were preposterous. Twelve adults were arrested; among them were two MOVE sympathizers who disavowed MOVE and were released. At a preliminary hearing, the judge told one, "There has been no evidence that you are a MOVE member" and let her go free. (Consuewella Dotson refused to disavow MOVE; she was tried separately and sentenced to 10-20 years. She was paroled in 1994 following steady public pressure.)

Following the trial in 1980, Judge Malmed said, "I tried them as a family, and I sentenced them as a family." When he appeared on a radio talk show the next day, a caller asked "Who shot James Ramp?" to which Malmed replied, "I have no idea." That caller was Mumia Abu-Jamal, one of the few media people to accurately report on MOVE. Mumia was shot and beaten by police and framed on charges of murder in the death of a police officer on Dec. 9, 1981. On death row since 1983, he maintains his innocence, and fights for his life and freedom for *all* MOVE prisoners.

It's been nearly eighteen years since the August 8, 1978 confrontation. MOVE members have served barely half of their minimum sentence. Despite the hardship of being separated from their sisters, brothers, spouses and children, they remain strong and committed in their belief, Life, the teachings of JOHN AFRICA. Motions for a Post Conviction Relief Appeal (PCRA) have been filed, but it will take *massive public pressure* to win their release.

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